



**Office of the Mayor
City of Seattle**
Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Executive Order: 04-03

Acceptance of Mexican ID card as proper identification from individuals requesting city services.

An Executive Order acknowledging the Mexican Consular Identification Card as a form of identification when presented by an individual seeking City services.

WHEREAS, Seattle is a city of numerous nationalities, among them Mexican nationals who do not possess a form of identification recognized by local public and private institutions;

WHEREAS, many immigrants lack access to certain services from public and private institutions and agencies because they do not possess identification;

WHEREAS, immigrants are sometimes fearful of reporting crimes to the police because they do not possess proper identification;

WHEREAS, in 47 cities across the nation, including Seattle, Mexican Consulates and Consulates General have begun to issue identification cards to Mexican nationals who have an official birth certificate, a proper form of Mexican identification, and who have been residing in the United States for at least six months;

WHEREAS, the Mexican Consular identification cards, or *Matricula Consular*, include state-of-the-art security safeguards designed to prevent falsification;

WHEREAS, acceptance of the Mexican Consular identification cards will enable more residents of Seattle to use public services;

WHEREAS, the Mexican Consular ID card has been accepted by 66 US banks, including 4 of the largest banks in Washington state;

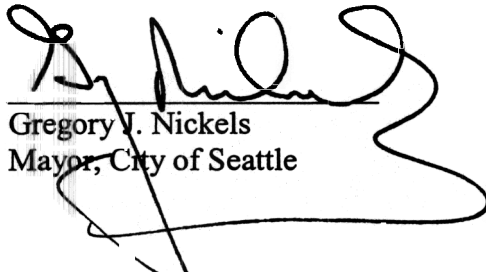
WHEREAS, throughout the United States, more than 800 police departments, 80 cities (including San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Antonio), and 14 states (including California), have accepted the *Matricula Consular* as a form of identification;

WHEREAS, acceptance of this card by City departments and agencies will improve access to public services and thereby improve the health and welfare of many Mexican nationals who reside in Seattle.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Seattle Mayor, do order that all City departments recognize the Mexican Consular Identification Card, or *Matricula Consular*, as a form of identification and order all City departments and City agencies to recognize this card as a form of identification when it is presented by an individual seeking City services.

Inquiries regarding this Executive Order should be directed to Keith Orton, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at (206) 684-8266.

Dated this 4th day of April 2003.



Gregory J. Nickels
Mayor, City of Seattle

